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**Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING UPDATED ENCRYPTION KEY
PAIRS AND DIGITAL SIGNATURE KEY PAIRS IN A PUBLIC KEY SYSTEM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated November 26, 2002, please amend the above application to read as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim ³⁰~~27~~ as follows:

^{21.126}
^{27.} A method for providing updated digital signature key pairs to a plurality of clients in a public key system comprising the steps of:

providing, by a multi-client manager unit and not by a client, selectable digital signature expiry data including at least public verification key expiry data, and selectable private signing key expiry data to a plurality of clients, that are selectable on a per client basis wherein the digital signature key pairs are not shared among users;